



AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-17 (cancelled).

18. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim
[[16]] 32 wherein the first slot is of doglegged form.

19. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim
[[17]] 32 wherein the second slot is of doglegged form.

20. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim
[[17]] 18 wherein the first slot has a widened mouth at the edge
of the body.

21. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim
[[17]] 19 wherein the second slot has a widened mouth at the edge
of the body.

22. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim
[[16]] 20 wherein the body is of a moulded plastic construction.

23-24. (canceled)

25. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim
[[24]] 32 wherein the wall has rounded edges.

26. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim [[17]] 32 wherein the clip is symmetrical about central longitudinal and lateral axes.

27. (currently amended) A clip as claimed in claim [[17]] 32 wherein each of said first opening and said second opening is circular in shape.

28. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 27 wherein the diameter of said first opening is greater than the diameter of said second opening.

29. (currently amended) A clip including a body, a first opening within the body and a first slot extending between said first opening and an edge of the body, a second opening within the body and a second slot extending between the second opening and an edge of the body which is opposite to that from the slot extends, said first and second slots each being of doglegged form and which extends from a widened mouth at the edge of the body, said clip being symmetrical about a central longitudinal axis.

30. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 29 wherein each opening is circular in shape.

31. (previously presented) A clip as claimed in claim 30 wherein the diameter of one of said first and second openings is greater than the diameter of the other of said first and second openings.

32. (new) A clip including a body, a first opening within the body and in which, in use, a part of a plant can engage, a first slot extends between said first opening and an edge of the body, a second opening within the body, a second slot extends between the second opening and an edge of the body, the second slot extends from an edge of the body, which is opposite to that from the first slot extends, and the peripheral edge of the body and the edges of the first and second slots and the first opening and the second opening include a wall which projects from opposite flat sides of the body.

33. (new) A clip as claimed in claim 32 wherein the wall is continuous.

34. (new) A clip as claimed in claim 29 wherein the first doglegged slot has a first portion which extends at an angle to the edge of the body and a second portion which inclines away from the first portion and extends to the first opening.

35. (new) A clip as claimed in claim 34 wherein the first portion of the first doglegged slot extends at right angles to the edge of the body.

36. (new) A clip as claimed in claim 35 wherein the second portion of the first doglegged slot extends diametrically relative to the first opening.

37. (new) A clip as claimed in claim 29 wherein the first and second doglegged slots each has a first portion which extends at an angle to the edge of the body, the first slot further has a second portion which inclines away from the first portion and extends to the first opening within the body and the second slot further has a second portion which inclines away from

the first portion and extends to the second opening within the body.

38. (new) A clip as claimed in claim 37 wherein the first portion of each of the first and second slots extends at right angles to the edge of the body.

39. (new) A clip as claimed in claim 38 wherein the second portion of the first slot extends diametrically from the first opening and the second portion of the second slot extends diametrically from the second opening.

40. (new) A clip as claimed in claim 34 wherein the peripheral edge of the body and the edges of the first and second slots and first and second openings include a wall which projects from opposite flat sides of the body.